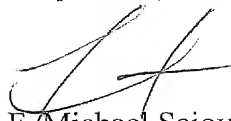


REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement of March 23, 2009, Applicants hereby elect Group 1, Claims 1-8, drawn to a zeolite material comprising adsorbed NO. Applicants have cancelled Claim 9 (Group II), drawn to a pharmaceutical composition comprising zeolite material comprising adsorbed NO, Claims 10-11 (Group III), drawn to a medical article comprising zeolite material comprising adsorbed NO, Claims 12-20 (Group IV), drawn to a cosmetic or personal hygiene product comprising zeolite material comprising adsorbed NO, Claims 21-26 (Group V), drawn to a method of preparing a medical article comprising the step of contacting nitric oxide with a zeolite material, Claims 27-29 (Group VI), drawn to a method of releasing nitric oxide from a zeolite material comprising adsorbed NO, and Claims 30-38 (Group VII), drawn to a method of treatment of prophylaxis of an individual by contacting the individual with a zeolite material comprising adsorbed NO. This election is made without traverse as Applicant agrees with the Examiner that the canceled claims are patentably distinct from the elected claims.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request favorable examination on the merits and the allowance of all claims. If the Examiner deems that this response is not completely responsive to the election requirement, the undersigned respectfully asks the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below so as to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,



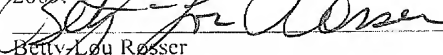
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